

Postle Hall

Herrick Archives Number 024

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Wendell D. Postle Hall" by Board of Trustees on October 1, 1976.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Dentistry Building
Dental Building
College of Dentistry

2. Location

2.1 Located at 305 W. 12th Avenue. Other addresses used for parts of the building or for fire department include 325, 339 and 359 W. 12th Avenue. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 109 in the book of campus maps in the University



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

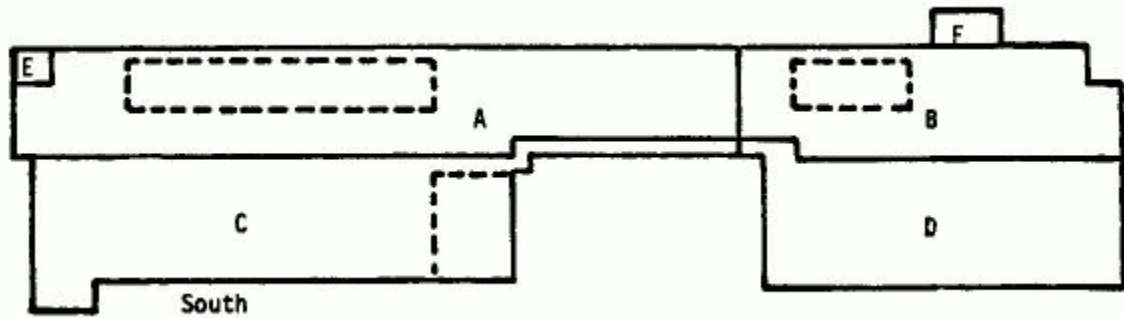
Reinforced concrete frame with brick exterior, except that E in sketch is concrete block.

3.2 No. of stories:

Mostly basement and four floors plus mechanical penthouses on roof. See sketch.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged three times. See sketch.



Original building: -- Basement & three floors of A.

1st Addition -- All of B, basement and four floors plus penthouse as indicated by dashed lines.

2nd Addition -- Fourth floor of A plus penthouse as indicated by dashed lines.

3rd Addition -- Basement and four floors of C plus penthouses as indicated by dashed line; basement and one floor of D; one floor of E.

Electric Substation -- F, one story with no roof. See Part G of this report.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

278,556 sq. ft. gross;

172,794 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 2

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On November 9, 1947 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on March 3, 1948 (T).

3. On March 8, 1948 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Grove Shepherd, Wilson and Kruge, Inc.; Johnson, Drake and Piper; and Psaty and Fuhrman, Inc.

Electrical: Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and process piping: Huffman-Wolfe Co.

Plumbing: Huffman-Wolfe Co.

Elevators: Otis Elevator Co.

Dumb waiters: Otis Elevator Co.

(Note: This project and the University Hospital (089) were bid together. It is believed that the above contracts are applicable to the Dentistry Building. Awards for kitchen equipment and patients' room furniture on the same date are judged not applicable to the Dentistry portion of the project.)

4. The Board of Trustees on December 12, 1949 approved equipment plans and on March 20, 1950 approved

the award by Cabinet of the equipment contract to the Hamilton Manufacturing Co.

5. Beginning of work:

5.1 Work began on April 20, 1948 (R1947-48:33)

5.2 Formal ground breaking May 13, 1948 (R1947-48:33).

6. Completion and occupancy:

6.1 Associate Dean Ernest Roush states that he moved the first students from Hamilton Hall to the new building in December 1950.

C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION -- FIRST ADDITION

1. On July 8, 1957 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Dan A. Carmichael and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on September 13, 1957 (A).

3. On October 14, 1957 the Board of Trustees approved the award by the Council on Business Affairs of contracts to the following contractors:

General: James I. Barnes Construction Co.

Electrical: Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Heating and ventilating: Julian Speer Co.

Plumbing: Piping Contractors Co.

4. Completion and occupancy:

Records in the University Architect's Office indicate that all contracts were substantially completed on May 15, 1959, and that the building was partially occupied as early as April 1, 1959.

D. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION -- SECOND ADDITION

1. On December 10, 1964 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Louis F. Karlsberger and Associates and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on February 11, 1965 (T).

3. On March 11, 1965 the Board of Trustees confirmed the award of contracts to the following contractors:

General: Knowlton Construction Co.

Electrical: Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Heating and ventilating: Piping Contractors Co.

Plumbing: Piping Contractors Co.

4. Completion and occupancy:

The new fourth floor space was released for use on March 24, 1966 (P).

E. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION -- THIRD ADDITION

1. On October 7, 1970 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Hollie W. Shupe and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on February 21, 1971. (T)

3. On February 3, 1971 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Knowlton Construction Co.

Electrical: McCarty Brothers Electric Co.

Heating, ventilating, & air conditioning: Julian Speer Co.

Plumbing: Huffman-Wolfe Co.

Lecture hall seating: Smith and Schaefer

Action on the award of the laboratory equipment contract was deferred pending further study.

4. On April 2, 1971 the Board of Trustees confirmed the award of the laboratory equipment contract to the Hamilton Manufacturing Co.

5. Completion and occupancy

5.1 Spaces in this project were assigned for use between September 18, 1972 and October 30, 1972.

Minor releases had been made as early as March 16, 1972. The final release of the entire building to Campus Planning was made by letter dated February 13, 1973 (P).

F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1450 - original

X 1450 - original and first addition

X 22788 - original and first two additions

X 7328 south wing (third addition)

X 22790 - Substation C

2. Other

M 40:3(Dec. 1948) - original building under construction

M 40:6(Jan. 1949) - original building under construction

M 40:31(May 1949) - original building under construction

M 51:12(Oct. 1959)- original and first addition

R 1949-50:38: - original building

G. MISCELLANEOUS

The small structure on the north side of the building near the Neil Avenue end is an electrical substation known as Substation C. The Board of Trustees approved plans for this substation on May 7, 1973, bids were received on December 6, 1973 (T), and the Board on February 1, 1974 approved the award of the construction contract to Jess Howard Electric Co. at a cost of \$77,992.

The start of construction was somewhat delayed, but a conference on the selection of brick was held on May 28, 1974 and the people involved agree that the enclosure was completed before the end of 1974.

John H. Herrick
March 15, 1971

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Dental College Building

John H. Herrick
November 13, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 173,656 square feet.

John H. Herrick
February 7, 1985